is concerned, it will be made available by Government.

OIC Countries' Statement on Kashmir

1667. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SAMBHAJIRAI SHINDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFARIS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement on Jammu & Kashmir reportedly issued by the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) at its annual coordination meeting in October this year;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what is the response of OIC and its member countries thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) The communique issued at the conclusion of the OIC coordination meeting in New York in October 1995, contained references to Jammu & Kashmir. Government rejected these reference as false and misleading.

Government have fully briefed the OIC countries about the situation in J&K, Pakistan's promotion and support of terrorism in J&K and Pakistan's propagandist attempts to internationalise the Kashmir issue and to give it a religious bias.

OIC has not responded to Government' reaction. However, many OIC member countries, with whom India has cordial relations, have conveyed that OIC statment on J&K does not reflect a consensual viewpoint of member countries.

Amount Spent on Development of Ports

1668. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) The total amount of investment made on the development of major ports during the 8th Five Year plan period so far;

(b) the year-wise and port-wise details thereof;

(c) the different developmental activities undertaken in different ports and

(d) the details thereof?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) An outlay of Rs. 2984 crores was orginally provided in 8th Five Year Plan 1992-97 for further development of Major Ports. The yearwise and port-wise details of the actual expenditure/outlays provided during 8th Plan is given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) and (d) At present, there are 14 major projects under implementation at various major ports. A list of these projects is at Statement-II (*See* below).